

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED  
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

#### PREFACE OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith,

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

#### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 17:5

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

##### TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today's readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God's promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead.

In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God's grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus' death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

5 MARCH 2023

OASES ON THE JOURNEY. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way – moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.**

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. And with your spirit.**

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

#### COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*  
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name

so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



GOSPEL Mt 17:1-9

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

## PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Second Sunday of Lent / A  
5 March 2023

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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Trudi Fisher, Fr John De Luca, Les Riedling (Father of Fr Robert Riedling), Fr Ruben Elago - Vicky Cook, John Joyce.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

John Crawley, Fraolina Stornelli, Issac Moses, Michael Saad, Katie Saad, Alston Mortier, Bernard Bozic - Colin Francis Wright, Rebecca Oksini, George Khattar, Alfio Zappala, Sayu Ketut Utari, Albert Yen, Dora Karam, Fr Peter McGrath, CP Fr George O'Mara, Stella Thompson, Josephine Khoury, Piera Della Vedova.

## Rosters – 11/12 March

### Cleaning Ministry:

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm Thomas Russo, Sophie Russo  
Sun. 7.30am George Davidson  
Sun. 10.00am Anthony Wong  
Lynette Rodrigues

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza  
Sun. 7.30am Astrid Kossim, Helen Wong  
Sun. 10.00am Anne Marie Lyons, Glenys Oxlee



### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Please note there will be an ad hoc meeting for the Altar Society ladies who arrange the flowers on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**. Location is the Parish Meeting Room.

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week/Easter will continue this **Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm** in the Church under the direction of Catherine Parker and John Galla. New members are most welcome. Please come along.



### FR. PETER LEAVING

Bishop Vincent has appointed me as assistant priest to Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish Upper Blue Mountains. I commence working in the parish as from 23<sup>rd</sup> April. I will write a further letter in the coming weeks.  
– Fr Peter

### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022 UPDATE:

Through your partnership, leadership, and our parishioners' generosity, we have raised \$273K towards Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing service supporting homeless people in our community. **Thank you so much for your support!**

### DIOCESAN WORK FUNDS

This weekend is our Diocesan Works Fund Collection. This collection assists the charitable works of our Diocese, and all donations are 100% tax deductible. The envelopes are located in the pews.

### NEWS FROM ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week across NSW Catholic Schools will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is 'Our Teachers Make the Difference' and our school will be celebrating in a multitude of ways. New families, looking to enrol into Kindergarten in 2024, are invited to tour the school on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. New families can simply drop in any time between 9.15 and 10.45am for a tour, to collect enrolment packs and have their questions answered. More information from the Principal – Richard Blissenden on 8844 5700.



### MARCH NOVENAS

A novena (from the Latin novem, "nine") is a prayer, or set of prayers, prayed for nine days, hours, weeks or even months.

**March 10 - Novena to St. Joseph begins**

The Church devotes the month of March to St. Joseph. St. Joseph's feast day is on March 19<sup>th</sup>.



**March 16 - Novena of the Annunciation begins**

This novena leads up to the Feast Day of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she will become the Mother of God.

**March 25 - Novena for Impossible Requests begins**

Unlike most other novenas, the Novena for Impossible Requests extends for nine months, ending on Christmas. It is a powerful novena that honours the nine months in which the Virgin Mary carried Jesus in her womb. The novena is prayed daily starting on March 25<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Annunciation) and concluding on December 25<sup>th</sup> (Birth of Christ).

Novena prayers can be found at

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/>

<https://www.thecatholiccrusade.com/novenas.html>

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke. Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the Church or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross during Lent will commence **Fridays from 7.00pm to 7.30pm**. Eucharistic Adoration will follow The Stations of the Cross and conclude at midnight.

### MT SCHOENSTATT 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, beginning with **6pm Mass on Friday 17 March**, followed by Reconciliation from 7:15pm – 10pm. On Saturday, Reconciliation will be held at 10am-12pm, and at 3pm-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact [paulandramani@gmail.com](mailto:paulandramani@gmail.com)

### ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule. Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

### FEAST OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 8 March – Saint John of God

St. John of God devoted his life to alleviating human suffering, and comforted the afflicted, sick and dying in Spain in the 1500s. Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life. Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor. He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa. Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitaliers, now a worldwide religious order.



*"The first (virtue) is faith, believing all that holy mother church believes and holds, keeping and putting into practice what she commands."* – St. John of God